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FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

FREDERICK COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION Office of the County Attorney

Walter Olson, Chair

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Frederick County Ethics Commission

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Present:

Walter Olson, Chair
Christopher Perry
Mario Herman
Scott Ewine

Absent:

Michael G. Bunitsky
Rev. Stephen Larsen, Vice-Chair

Also in Attendance

Andrew J. Ford
Peggy Vaughn

1. Call to Order; Roll Call; and Establishment of a Quorum. Mr. Ford called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Attendance noted and quorum established.

Mr. Ford informed the Commission of the resignations of Hayden Duke as of July 8, 2029, and acknowledged the forthcoming resignation of Michael Bunitsky effective July 10, 2025. It was also noted that Ms. Vaughn's term as alternate ended effective June 30, 2025.

Introductions were made for the new members.

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair. Motion was made by Commissioner Olson to become Chair. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ewine and approved unanimously. Commissioner Olson moved to elect Commissioner Larsen to be Vice-Chair. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Perry and approved unanimously.

Mr. Ford turned over the running of the meeting to Chair Olson.

3. Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Perry made a motion to approve the June, 11, 2025 minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Herman. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Receipt of Public Ethics Report for Period January 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025. Report was received by the Commission.

5. Update by Staff on Lobbying Registrations. Current registrants list was circulated to the Commissioners.

6. Vote to conduct an administrative function meeting to review financial disclosure statements.* Commissioner Herman made a motion to conduct an administrative function meeting to review a long-form financial disclosure statements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perry and approved unanimously.

*** Required information regarding the administrative function meeting:** The Commission entered into administrative function at 7:33 p.m. All of the Commission members noted above were present. Mr. Ford and Ms. Vaughn were also present.

After entering into administrative function, Mr. Ford provided an update to review of the Long Form Financial Disclosure Statements for calendar year 2024.

Motion to exit Administrative function was made by Commissioner Herman seconded by Commissioner Ewine and unanimously approved at 7:42 p.m.

7. Chair's Comments. Discussion regarding upcoming meeting agenda.

There being no other business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

/s/
Andrew J. Ford
Secretary